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SLUGS: WNINTEL INTEL

SUBJECT: OPS INTEL: ISIW INTERVIEW REPORT ON GEORGI ENEROVICH MAMEDOV

REF: NONE.

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING DEBRIEFING REPORT FROM THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS'S INTERVIEW PROGRAM, CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL CAN UK US AUS NZ EYES ONLY, DATED 08 JANUARY 1996, NUMBERED ISIW 922-1-7. ADVISE IF WE SHOULD
RESUBMIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN INTEL FORMAT. THIS REPORT MAY BE SHARED WITH DI ANALYSTS. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED DURING AN OVER TWO HOUR CAR RIDE BETWEEN MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

- C O N F I D E N T I A L-WNINTEL--NOFORN--REL CAN/US/UK/AUS/NZ

COUNTRY: RUSSIA

SUBJ: GEORGI ENEROVICH MAMEDOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DOI: DECEMBER 1995

SOURCE: A CANADIAN OFFICIAL WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT INFORMALLY WITH MAMEDOV.

SUMMARY: NONE.

1. SOME OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS: GEORGI ENEROVICH ((MAMEDOV)) IS UNPRETENTIOUS AND TRAVELS LIGHT; FOR A THREE-DAY TRIP HIS LUGGAGE CONSISTED OF ONE GARMENT BAG WHICH HE HANDLED HIMSELF. AS HEAD OF A DELEGATION, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR

MEMBERS WHO DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND HOPED PROVISIONS WOULD BE IN PLACE TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE SCHEDULED MULTILATERAL MEETINGS. HURRYING TO A RECEPTION SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL FOLLOWING A LONG FLIGHT, HE DID NOT WISH TO BE LATE BUT NEITHER DID HE WANT TO LEAVE OTHER DELEGATES FAR BEHIND. WHEN IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THEY WOULD HURRY ONCE THEY SAW HE WAS READY, HE COMMENTED -- WITHOUT ANY HINT OF REGRET -- THAT EVERYONE WAS DEMOCRATIC NOW AND IT NO LONGER WORKED THAT WAY.

2. HE EVIDENTLY HAS A GREAT INTEREST IN, AND RESPECT FOR, THE JAPANESE, REFERRING TO THEM AS A SPECIAL CIVILIZATION. AT THE RECEPTION, HE AND JAPANESE DELEGATES AGREED TO MEET LATER THAT NIGHT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN SPITE OF SOME BADLY NEEDED REST.

3. A PERSON WHO LIKES TO ESTABLISH A ONE-ON-ONE RAPPORT, HE EXPRESSED A REGRET AT NOT SPEAKING SPANISH SINCE LATIN AMERICA IS ONE OF HIS MAIN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. HE NOTED THAT LATIN AMERICANS DO NOT REALLY OPEN UP WHEN SPEAKING THROUGH INTERPRETERS. TIME CONSTRAINTS PREVENT HIM FROM LEARNING SPANISH AT PRESENT.

4. ECOLOGY - A SPECIAL CONCERN: MAMEDOV SHOWED A PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR ECOLOGY AND NOTED THAT RUSSIA WOULD NEED HELP IN DEALING WITH ITS PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. HE RUEFULLY COMMENTED THAT MAN WAS THE ONLY CREATURE THAT WOULD DESPOIL HIS ENVIRONMENT. THE PROBLEM WAS A GLOBAL ONE AND REQUIRED CONCERTED COOPERATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

5. PROBLEM AREAS FOR RUSSIA: ACCORDING TO MAMEDOV, RUSSIA'S CURRENT OPEN BORDERS MAKE THE COUNTRY VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST INCURSIONS (IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN WERE MENTIONED) AND TO THE OVERFLOW ONTO RUSSIAN TERRITORY OF BORDER CONFLICTS. WHEN PROBLEMS BEGAN IN AZERBAIJAN, IRAN SENT FIGHTING UNITS ACROSS THE BORDER TO ASSIST AZERIS; RUSSIA WAS NOT NOTIFIED. THE PROXIMITY OF THE CONFLICT IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS POSSIBLE ESCALATION IS VERY WORRISOME. THE CIVIL WAR IN CHECHNYA HAS THE POTENTIAL OF BECOMING MORE SERIOUS AND IS A VERY TROUBLESOME ISSUE.

6. THE ECONOMIC TRANSITION: MAMEDOV ASSESSES THAT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE STRENGTHENED THROUGH COMMERCIAL TIES. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA STILL HAVE 50% GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. THE BANKING SECTOR IS MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL-STYLE BANKING. YOUNG MANAGERS (MID 30'S) ARE INTRODUCING NEW IDEAS, WHILE OLDER EXPERIENCED STAFF PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THE CURRENT PERIOD IN WHICH RUSSIA IS BEING ROBBED BY SOME, IS SYMPTOMATIC OF TRANSITIONAL UPHEAVAL AND IS COMPARABLE TO THE POST CIVIL WAR ERA IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN A NUMBER OF ITS CITIZENS ACQUIRED WEALTH. IN THE 1960'S, THE U.S. WENT THROUGH A STAGE OF MILITANT LABOR UNIONISM ASSOCIATED WITH MOB ACTIVITIES. A CASE IN POINT, THE ACTIVITIES OF HOFFA AND HIS ALLEGED ORDERING OF THE *<ASSASSINATION>OF<PRESIDENT KENNEDY>OFFERS AN ILLUSTRATIVE

EXAMPLE. (FIELD COMMENT: THE SOURCE PROVIDED THE QUALIFIER ON *THE "ALLEDGED" NATURE OF MOB INVOLVEMENT IN THE<KENNEDY> *<ASSASSINATION,>WHICH MAMEDOV APPARENTLY REPEATED AS IF IT WERE ESTABLISHED FACT.)

7. COMMENTS ON TERRORISTS: TERRORISTS, EVEN THOSE WHO OPERATE UNDER THE GUISE OF RELIGIOUS FERVOR, NORMALLY HAVE AN UNDERLYING FINANCIAL MOTIVE ACCORDING TO MAMEDOV. RUSSIA, AS OTHER COUNTRIES, IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS BE IN PLACE TO PREVENT TERRORISTS FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR MATERIALS. RUSSIA ALSO WANTS TO SEE AN IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH TERRORISTS AND PREVENT THEM FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LEGAL LOOPHOLES.

8. MAMEDOV ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON SEVERAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

((ZYUGANOV)) - ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS AND THE RESULTING DISCONTENT HAVE ENHANCED HIS CHANCES AT THE PRESIDENCY. IT WOULD NOT BE OF CRITICAL CONCERN SHOULD HE WIN THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SINCE THE COMMUNISTS HAVE UNDERGONE A TRANSFORMATION AND WOULD NEITHER BE ABLE NOR WILLING TO TURN THE CLOCK BACK. THE NEW RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO ITALIAN COMMUNISTS BUT MAMEDOV WOULD DREAD TO SEE AN ITALIAN-TYPE POLITICAL SCENARIO IN RUSSIA. THE RETURN OF COMMUNIST PRESIDENTS IN POLAND, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA HAS NOT CAUSED DISRUPTIONS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH WESTERN NATIONS, NOR SHOULD THIS HAPPEN WITH RUSSIA.

((ZHIRINOVSKY)) - A POLITICAL HOOLIGAN, ZHIRINOVSKY HAS LOTS OF FINANCIAL BACKING. WITH HIS ATTENTION-GRABBING ANTICS, HE PROVIDES A DIVERSION WHILE OTHER ELEMENTS CARRY ON THEIR UNSAVORY (I.E. CRIMINAL) ACTIVITIES. IT REMINDS ONE OF THE RUSSIAN TALE WHERE TWO CHARACTERS DISTRACT A CROWD WHILE THE THIRD IS BUSY RIFLING THEIR POCKETS. ZHIRINOVSKY HAS PRESENTED NO SERIOUS PROGRAM TO PERMIT HIM TO ATTRACT SUFFICIENT VOTES.

((LEBED)) - WITH HIS BASS VOICE AND PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT APPEAL TO THE DISCONTENTED, HE HAS EARNED SOME POPULARITY, BUT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOLID PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE AND WILL NOT BE A SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

9. RELATIONS WITH CANADA: MAMEDOV FAVORS CLOSER TIES WITH CANADA AND PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE. THE HALIFAX SUMMIT AND ((YELTSIN'S)) BACKING FOR STRONGER ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD (I.E. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S BLESSING IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN). THE NORTH IS AN IMPORTANT COMMON FACTOR. FOR RUSSIA, DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NORTHERN SEA ROUTE WILL BE A HIGH PRIORITY AS IT WILL PROVIDE A SHORTER LINK TO INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING ROUTES. ECOLOGICAL CLEAN-UP WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN THE CANADA/RUSSIA CONTEXT BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY.

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